

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

16 March 2023

Update on Review of Governance Arrangements

(1) Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the D2 Joint Committee of the emerging proposals following completion of the review of current governance arrangements for driving economic growth across Derbyshire and the parallel review of the Vision Derbyshire arrangements. This brief report will be supported by verbal update at the meeting.

(2) Discussion and decision required by the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Economic Prosperity Committee (D2JC)

2.1 The Joint Committee is requested undertake a discussion based on the brief information set out in this report and consideration of the information provided at the meeting.

(3) Information and Assessment

3.1 At the previous meeting of the D2 Joint Committee in November 2022, members were advised of the review of governance arrangements relating to the growth agenda and agreed that the work, purpose and terms of reference of the following Boards be evaluated:

- The Derbyshire Economic Recovery Board (DERB)
- The Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP)
- The D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity
- The D2 Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee

3.2 The purpose of the review was to ensure the most effective decision-making arrangements are in place to support strategy development and the delivery of key interventions that drive economic growth. The following key challenges were identified:

- Acknowledgement that the wider economic landscape has changed, including Covid-19 recovery (completed) and the proposed East Midlands Mayoral County Combined Authority (EMMCCA) arrangements

- The need to reduce current level of duplication of meetings, attendees and agendas.
- The current DEP chair's desire to step down from the role and opportunity to assess the need for an economic/ business partnership going forward.
- The need to strengthen the focus on economic development, and the 'voice of D2', especially in light of the proposed EMMCCA.
- Retaining the best of existing arrangements e.g. accessing the voice of business. The importance of the public private sector relationship was strongly demonstrated through the COVID pandemic. This should be capitalised in future structures.

3.3 A review of the current DEP, DERB and D2 Joint Committee arrangements was completed in December 2022, but the review of the Vision Derbyshire Board (supported by external colleagues) has just been completed. At the time of writing, the outputs of the Vision Derbyshire weren't available to support analysis of 'common ground' and emerging proposals but it is anticipated some element of this analysis will be possible by the time of the meeting. Discussion, therefore, will be supported by presentation on the day.

3.4 For ease of reference and background, Appendix 1 of this report provides a summary of the membership and core purpose of each of the four boards within the scope of the two reviews.

4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended the Joint Committee:

- a. Notes the brief overview contained in this report and considers the information presented at the meeting on 16 March to support wider discussion.
- b. Comments on the emerging shape of the proposals as appropriate.

Scope of Governance Arrangements

Board or committee	Attendees	Purpose and focus
<p>Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP)</p>	<p>Covers the D1 (Derbyshire only) geography. Previously attended by all ten leaders – attendance reduced following a prior review in 2018/19.</p> <p>Currently made up of: 4x elected members (covering HS2, rural issues, district LEP representative and accountable body), business rep organisations (Chamber, FSB, Institute of Directors), FE rep (Chesterfield College), HE rep (Derby Uni), Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire (MPDD).</p>	<p>Core purpose is to support economic growth through public/private sector partnership working.</p> <p>DEP sets work programme for DEP officers with a specific focus of work on: inward investment, skills and employment, supporting the rural economy</p>
<p>Derbyshire Economic Recovery Board (DERB)</p>	<p>Covered the D2 geography.</p> <p>Made up of all ten local authority leaders, major business reps (Henry Boot Ltd, Toyota, Heights of Abraham, Longcliffe Quarries), HE (Derby Uni) and FE (Derby College) rep, Chamber, Marketing Derby, Chair of MPDD.</p>	<p>Core purpose was to help sustainable recovery of the D2 economy following the shock of the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>Developed as a task and finish group focused on: agreeing key interventions, alignment of recovery funding and other resources, delivery of the COVID Recovery Strategy.</p> <p>As of November 2022, it was agreed the Recovery Strategy had been delivered and the work of the Board was complete.</p>
<p>Derby and Derbyshire Joint Economic Prosperity Committee (D2JC)</p>	<p>Covers the D2 geography</p> <p>Long standing board initiated in 2014 and constituted in 2015. Made up of all ten local authority leaders with the DEP Chair as an observer.</p>	<p>Core purpose is to work collaboratively to support and drive sustainable economic growth and be a single voice for D2 within the wider region.</p> <p>Decision making arena within the level of Leader delegations. Is responsible for Retained Business Rates fund and allocation to projects (circa £8m originally).</p>

		<p>Considers regional and sub regional policy issues; development of D2 economic strategy; agreement and delivery of regeneration pipeline and growth priorities.</p>
<p>Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee</p>	<p>Is available for the D2 geography - 4 local authority members formally take part</p>	<p>Core purpose is to drive efficiency and greater effectiveness of local authority services through joint working.</p> <p>Board agrees the delivery of Vision Derbyshire work programme including business start-up, planning, skills and climate change. Overlap/ links to work of D2JC above.</p>

